

# Alamo Heights News

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS

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## Fort Sam Houston BRAC-related Expansions

**BRAC (Base Realignment And Closure Commission) personnel will be presenting a briefing to Alamo Heights' City Council at the May 19th meeting regarding upcoming development at Fort Sam Houston.** In addition, a 7-month effort to develop a growth management plan addressing BRAC-related growth at Fort Sam Houston and its implications and benefits for surrounding neighborhoods is being conducted under the City of San Antonio's Office of Military Affairs.

These initial public meetings are designed to provide information about this effort and to solicit comments. Residents in surrounding neighborhoods, which are most likely to be impacted by growth of Fort Sam Houston, are encouraged to attend. Three Public meetings are scheduled in the month of May:

- Monday, May 19, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Heritage Room, Campus Center, St. Philip's College, 1801 Martin Luther King Dr.
- Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, Christ Lutheran Church, 6720 Broadway at Castano (Alamo Heights)
- Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Craft Room, Lion's Field Adult and Senior Citizens Learning Ctr., 2809 Broadway at Mulberry

The public meetings are open to all, especially those who have an interest in Fort Sam Houston and its expansion over the coming years. For additional information concerning the public meetings, please contact Laurie Grams at (210) 227-3400 or visit <http://www.teamdiluzio.com>.

## Reminder of No Overnight Parking on Public Streets

For the safety of the community, the City of Alamo Heights prohibits parking or storing of cars, trucks, tractors, and other vehicles on any paved street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. (Section 18-101 of the City Code). There are times when such parking is necessary and residents may obtain a temporary overnight parking permit through the Police Department. Each permit is good for 30 days but no more than three (3) can be issued for any premises during the calendar year.

For more information about temporary parking permits, please contact the Police Administrative Office at (210) 822-6433.

## City hosts an Open House

The City will be hosting a tour of City Facilities at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19th prior to the regularly scheduled 5:30 p.m. City Council Meeting. The tour will begin at Council Chambers located at 6120 Broadway. Parking is available either on the side of the Council Chambers or behind City Hall in the visitors' parking section. There are also a few spaces available in front of the Council Chambers.

The tour will be followed by refreshments in the Council Chambers in honor of the City Council. Council Members Jill Souter - Place 3, William Kiel - Place 4, and Susan Harwell - Place 5, who were unopposed for the next two year council term, will be presented with their Certificates of Election and administered their Oaths of Office. For more information please contact Assistant to the City Manager, Marian Ramirez, at 210-882-1508.

## Calendar

### May

19	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
20	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
26	Holiday*	City Offices Closed

### June

2	Planning and Zoning Commission	5:30 p.m.
4	Board of Adjustment	5:30 p.m.
9	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
17	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
23	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\* Regular Solid Waste Schedule

**911 for EMERGENCY**

**Fire/EMS (Non Emergency): 824-1281**

**Police (Non-Emergency): 822-3321**

**Police Administration Office: 822-6433**

**Police Investigations: 822-2164**

**CITY HALL**

**Administration: 822-3331**

**Taxes: 882-1502**

**Water: 882-1507**

**Court Clerk: 882-1501**

**Public Works: 826-0516 (includes permits, garbage & trash, brush, recycling, inspections, etc.)**

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## CITY BRIEFS

### 'Click It or Ticket'

The Alamo Heights Police Department will participate with thousands of police agencies nationwide in the "Click It or Ticket" program May 19<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>. People violating the seat belt use and child safety seat laws will risk receiving a citation not only in Alamo Heights but throughout the San Antonio area and across the state.

Studies show that use of seat belts and child safety seats save lives and prevent injuries. Although Texas had a 90.4 percent seat belt usage rate in 2006, many people still do not buckle up.

Using seat belts does not cost a dime but not using them could cost a person a citation during this intensified enforcement period. It's simple—"Click It or Ticket."

### New Emergency Medical Services Agreement Approved

In April, the City Councils for Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, and Olmos Park approved and signed a new Emergency Medical Service Agreement. The original agreement was implemented in December 1982 and had never been updated. Due to the increased demand of the EMS system, the agreement was in need of review and updating.

All three cities have been meeting for the past year to develop this new agreement which addresses who owns, maintains, and operates the system, the number of paramedics allocated to the budget, and the expenses and revenue that will be distributed within the budget. The new agreement identifies the change in the percentage distribution of the EMS system expenses and establishes the parameters for the development of the annual budget.

The new agreement allows the EMS system to continue to function and provide the high quality level of care the citizens have come to expect.

### Residential Composting Bins

The Residential Composting Bins have been a great success. The first shipment of bins has been completely sold out. Due to the high demand the City is compiling a waiting list. If you are still interested in purchasing a bin, please contact the Public Works Department at 210-826-0516. You will be placed on the list and once the City receives over 50 requests another order of 100 residential composting bins will be placed.

### New Police Towing Service Provider

The Alamo Heights Police Department initiated an evaluation and selection process to identify a qualified professional service provider for vehicle towing and storage services. Upon completion of the evaluation process, Mission Wrecker Service S.A., Inc. was determined to be the best qualified to provide these services and City Council approved staff recommendation on April 28th. Mission Wrecker Service is staffed to provide vehicle towing and storage service twenty-four (24) hours a day every day of the year. Mission Wrecker Service has a secure storage facility located at 4535 F.M. 1516, Converse, Texas, approximately fifteen (15) miles from Alamo Heights.

### City enters into Interlocal Agreements with surrounding Cities

The City of Alamo Heights has entered into Interlocal Agreement with the cities of Terrell Hills and Olmos Park for the purpose of lending and/or borrowing fire equipment should the need arise. It is the policy of the City of Alamo Heights to have a back-up fire engine in the event the primary fire engine is placed out of service for any reason. The three fire departments have assisted each other for years through group training and back up assistance on all fire calls. Now the cities are able to support one another through the use of equipment, if and when needed.

### City Welcomes New Employees

The City would like to introduce and welcome several new employees. Karisha Bronstad is the newest member of the emergency communications team. Karisha was formerly employed by the Wilson County Sheriff's Department as a police/fire dispatcher while earning her Telecommunication Operator Certification. Jacob Martin and Justin Petroskus are our two newest firefighters. Both firefighters completed a two-week orientation process. The Public Works department has hired four new employees. Moises Cardenas, crew leader, formerly worked at the City of San Antonio. Daniel Aguilera, crew leader, formerly worked at San Antonio Water System. John Austin, maintenance worker, formerly worked at Bullet Utility in Flatonia, Texas and Miti Tuguga, maintenance worker, who has been with the City as a temporary employee and has now been hired full-time.